

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS
OF THE
TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE,

ALSO, THE REPORT OF THE
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ALSO,
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For the Year ending Feb. 1, 1868.

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REPORT.

COMPENSATION TO TOWN OFFICERS.

Samuel Tolman, Jr. for 93 days' services as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and Committee on Roads and Bridges, - - -	\$139 50
S. Tolman, Jr., fares and expenses to Boston, -	13 05
“ “ extra services as Overseer of the Poor, -	19 85
Liba Litchfield, for like service, 83½ days, -	125 50
Edward Stowell, for like service, 82½ days, -	123 75
“ “ fares and expenses to Boston, -	5 00
J. W. Chamberlaine, serving Town Meeting warrants, -	9 00
James Southworth, for services as School Committee, -	39 75
Ezekiel T. Vinal, for serving Town Meeting warrants, -	4 00
Charles A. Litchfield, for like service, -	14 00
David B. Ford, for services as School Committee, -	21 25
Franklin Jacobs, for like service and writing School Reports, - - - -	18 00
Samuel Waters, for services as School Committee, -	15 71
Ebenezer T. Fogg, for services as Town Clerk, -	12 10
Total, - - - -	\$560 46

ACCOUNTS WITH TOWN HALL.

<i>Town Hall,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
C. W. Sparrell, for material and labor, altering Moderator's desk, also finding and putting up hat and coat hooks, - - -	\$25 63
David W. Turner, labor and nails, altering platform near the stoves, - - -	1 58
For oil, - - -	9 05
“ chimneys and burners, - - -	2 35
“ wood, - - -	8 00
“ brooms, - - -	60
“ pail, - - -	30
“ wicks, - - -	30
“ altering funnel, - - -	75
“ glass and setting, - - -	1 23
“ tumbler, - - -	10
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	\$49 89

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Lumber sold Joseph Merritt, 2d, - - -	\$4 00
Cash for balls, entertainments, concerts, auctions, political, moral reform meetings, &c., -	65 45
Due from Foster & Lawrence, use of Hall for a ball, -	6 00
Due from W. H. Osborne, Esq., Trial Justice, -	2 00
One gallon of oil on hand, - - -	60
Wood on hand, - - -	2 00
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	\$80 05

Balance in favor of Town Hall, \$30.16.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Hiram Gardner, widening road near the house of M. C. Glover, - - - - -	\$109 00
Daniel Damon, re-building bridge near the house of Harvey Bates, - - - - -	19 00
Liba Litchfield, repairing road and building bridge near the house of Perez Turner, - - -	24 50
Daniel Damon, building fence near the house of Thomas Totman, - - - - -	28 14
Gideon Ford, repairing railing on the bridge near Cop- per Corner, - - - - -	75
John Gardner, payment in part for building the road on petition of David Torrey, Jr. and others, 500 00	
Waters B. Barker, re-building and lengthening bridge opposite the Methodist Meeting House, -	63 14
Gideon Ford, re-building the small bridge near Cop- per Corner, - - - - -	15 00
Robert V. C. Turner, labor on road near the house of Mrs. M. Hatch, - - - - -	20 00
Stephen Clapp, widening bridge near the house of Benjamin Merritt, - - - - -	7 00
Stephen Clapp, building road near the house of Ben- jamin Merritt, - - - - -	149 00
	<hr/> \$935 53

The petition of Mr. Horace P. Stevens and others, for widening and straightening the road from the house of Ensign B. Damon to that of Benjamin Merritt, and also the petition of Mr. Geo. K. Cushing and others for widening and straightening the road from a point near the late residence of Mr. Nathaniel Cushing to Hingham line, are yet pending before the County Commissioners. The Commissioners have viewed the road on the petition of Mr. Stevens, and should they determine on any alterations, the expense would probably come into those

of the ensuing year; but the same can hardly be said as to the petition of Mr. Cushing. The Commissioners have not yet served the initiatory service on the Town, and should they do so, and order action according to the petition, it is presumed more than a year must elapse before any expense will accrue to the Town. The expense of completing the road on petition of Mr. David Torrey, Jr., and others, including the sections put out to Mr. Piam Jacobs and Mr. John Gardner, will probably amount to \$895.00. The Selectmen know of no other expenses than those of ordinary occurrence, to which the Town will be liable.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS.

No. of Dist.	Removing Snow.	Highway Arrears.	Gravel.	Extra Labor.	Removing obstructions.
1	\$39 04	\$2 71		\$10 00	
2	104 05	40 30	3 36		
3	65 66	18 74			
4	70 25		1866, 1 24 1864, 88 1865, 2 12		9 50
5	23 92	21 06		4 50	
6	78 03	7 45		10 00	10 73
7	29 72	11 20	1 36	Feb. 1 75	
8	34 97	15 27	6 72	1 00	Mt. Blue Road, 1 95
9	56 50			8 06	
10	30 52	4 78 1866, 4 60			
11	18 97	4 20	3 90	8 00	
12	3 75	10 94	4 00		
13	28 85	6 33	6 00	2 80	
14	14 63	7 16	1866, 2 88 1865, 90	1 75	
15	26 14	9 58	1866, 1 86 2 46	10 00	
16	15 63	9 62		10 00	
17	64 43			Feb. 11 50 10 00	
18	42 73				
19	64 38	7 54		3 50	
20	48 63	8 29		10 00	
21	35 13	14 28		Feb. 3 00 10 00	
22	40 75	25 14			
23	10 50	40 50			
24					
	<u>\$947 18</u>	<u>\$269 69</u>	<u>\$37 68</u>	<u>\$115 86</u>	<u>\$22 18</u>

TAXES ABATED AND GIVEN UP.

James Cushing,	-	-	-	-	-	\$9 56
Ansell G. Groce, highway,	-	-	-	-	-	72
Willard Torrey,	-	-	-	-	-	66
George W. Jackman,	-	-	-	-	-	1 35
Martin Cushing,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Lemuel C. Sylvester,	-	-	-	-	-	1 25
Ripley & Lincoln, error in tax of 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	1 35
Samuel O. Stetson, poll tax, 1866,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
James L. Hunt, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
George F. Stetson, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Sylvary Cazneau, 1865,	,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Morris Gammon, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Joseph Harvey, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 71
Joseph Henderson, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Morris Mahone, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Benjamin Sprague, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 13
Charles Mann, Jr., 1866,	-	-	-	-	-	2 38
Georgena White, 1866,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Frank K. Hanson, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 23
Daniel A Smith, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Anson Prince, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Harvey Winslow, 1864,	-	-	-	-	-	4 10
Thomas Gunderway, 1866,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
George H. Lee, 1866,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Morris Gammon, 1866,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Josiah B. Hayward, 1866,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Harvey Winslow, 1866,	-	-	-	-	-	6 35
Richard Spear, 1866,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Charles Leroy, 1865,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00

 \$68 79

LIQUOR AGENCY.

		DR.
Cash in hand of Agent, Feb. 1, 1867,	-	\$21 34
Received for liquors sold during the year,	-	315 32
Total,		<u>\$336 66</u>
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Liquors bought of State Agent during the year,		\$309 57
Cash in Agent's hands, Feb. 1, 1868,	-	27 09
Total,		<u>\$336 66</u>
Feb. 1, 1867. Cash in hand of Agent,	-	\$21 34
“ 1, “ Liquors on hand,	-	28 52
Total,		<u>\$49 86</u>
Feb. 1, 1868. Cash in hand of Agent,	-	\$27 09
“ 1, “ Liquors on hand,	-	10 80
Balance against the Agency,	-	11 97
Total,		<u>\$49 86</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID.

George Studley,	\$6 00	Diana Freeman,	\$48 00
Isaac Prouty,	18 00	Benj. Jacobs,	24 00
Daniel R. Gerrish,	18 00	Mary Spencer,	64 00
John Lewis,	58 50	Jane Bushnell,	8 00
Jarius W. Leavitt,	13 50	Samuel A. Henderson,	34 00
Ruth B. Foster,	96 00	Hannah Dover,	48 00
Thomas R. Lawrence,	18 00	Elisha Colman,	106 50
C. H. Totman, Guardian		Betsey B. Sylvester,	48 00
children of J. Simmons,	96 00	Joseph B. Goodrich,	22 00
James L. Hunt,	54 00	Matilda Stoddard,	28 00
Charles H. Pool,	54 00	E. P. Tolman,	72 00
George B. Hayden,	58 50	Riley E. Jenkins,	72 00
Jason Prince,	18 00	George A. Hatch,	18 00
Sewall B. Goodrich,	18 00		

Total, \$1,119.00.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Liba Litchfield, hauling stone for wall,	-	-	\$4 00
Estes Kimball, entertainment for County Commissioners, on a petition of the town for widening Glover's corner,	-	-	4 75
Taggard & Thompson, for school books,	-	-	51 53
One rubber suit,	-	-	15 00
Cost of suits, Salmond vs. town of Hanover,	-	-	107 83
T. J. Tolman, for dissecting cow and forwarding lungs to cattle Commissioners,	-	-	5 00
W. F. Brown & Co., for printing Town reports of 1866--7,	-	-	76 00
George Bly, for conveying body of Samuel Hollis to Randolph,	-	-	3 00
Taggard & Thompson, for school books,	-	-	35 47
Mrs. Beasley, gratuity for extinguishing flames on prison house,	-	-	5 00
James L. Merritt, for searching Scituate Records,	-	-	1 00
Joseph Merritt's bill for blacksmithing in 1866,	-	-	18 00
Snow, Boyden & Knights, material for repairing blackboards, &c.,	-	-	8 50
D. B. Ford, for envelopes for reporting cards,	-	-	1 87
" " " Slating fluid for blackboards,	-	-	8 05
" " " Legal expenses for approving truant by-laws,	-	-	12 50
A. H. Davis, for sealing weights and measures,	-	-	9 50
Seth Foster, for expressing, postage, &c.,	-	-	8 85
E. T. Fogg, expense to Hanover, and for services of George Beasley as informant,	-	-	4 30
E. T. Fogg, stationery, postage stamps, and crayons,	-	-	10 00
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,	-	-	284 50
Total,	-	-	\$674 15

LIST OF JURORS FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REVISION BY THE TOWN.

William C. Litchfield,	John Clapp,
Thomas H. Gardner,	Samuel D. Stetson,
Josiah Stoddard,	Benjamin W. Jacobs,
Joseph Clapp,	Thomas J. Tolman,
Joshua B. Reed,	Charles H. Merritt,
Philip Foster,	Peleg Curtis,
Sylvanus Clapp,	Paul D. Briggs,
Washington Lincoln,	Joseph Merritt, 2d,
Simeon Damon,	Nathaniel Ellms, Jr.
David W. Turner,	Alfred B. Litchfield,
Elisha Jacobs,	Dexter M. Willcott,
Ezekiel T. Vinal,	James J. Farrar,
Benjamin T. Ellms,	Colman Ford,
Isaac Burrill,	Edwin Merritt.
John Savage.	

EXPENDITURES FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS FROM THE APPROPRIATION OF MARCH, 1867, AND THE STATE SCHOOL FUND.

DISTRICT No. 1.

For wood, fitting and housing,	-	-	-	\$25 25
“ one Dictionary,	-	-	-	9 65
“ Mrs. Billings, services as teacher,	-	-	-	161 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$195 90

DISTRICT No. 2.

For wood, fitting and housing,	-	-	-	\$26 62
“ Mrs. E. P. Stevens, services as teacher,	-	-	-	154 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$180 62

DISTRICT No. 3.

For wood, fitting and housing,	-	-	-	\$32 38
“ Miss M. A. Gilman, services as teacher,	-	-	-	154 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$186 38

DISTRICT No. 4.

For wood and fitting,	-	-	-	-	\$19 30
“ Miss Mary F. Clapp, services as teacher,	-	-	-	-	132 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	<u>\$151 30</u>

DISTRICT No. 5.

For wood, fitting and housing,	-	-	-	-	\$20 50
“ Miss M. A. Brooks, services as teacher,	-	-	-	-	132 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	<u>\$152 50</u>

DISTRICT No. 6.

For wood, fitting and housing,	-	-	-	-	\$27 20
“ C. L. Stevens, services as teacher,	-	-	-	-	132 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	<u>\$159 29</u>

DISTRICT No. 7.

For wood, fitting and housing,	-	-	-	-	\$35 50
“ Miss Abbie M. Dexter, services as teacher,	-	-	-	-	165 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	<u>\$200 50</u>

Total expenditures,	-	-	-	-	\$1,226 40
Town appropriation,	-	-	-	\$1,700 00	
Proportion of State School Fund,	-	-	-	163 00	
For tuition of non-resident scholars,	-	-	-	22 50	
				<u>\$1,885 50</u>	
Balance due the several Districts,	-	-	-	-	<u>\$659 10</u>

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOL HOUSES FROM
TOWN APPROPRIATION FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

DISTRICT No. 1.

For repairs, cleaning house furniture, and fixtures,				\$34 61
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DISTRICT No. 2.

For fixtures, cleaning house, &c.,	-	-	-	8 52
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DISTRICT No. 3.

For teacher's desk, - - -	-	\$17 00	
" fixtures, cleaning house, &c., - -	-	8 78	
		<u> </u>	25 78

DISTRICT No. 4.

For repairs, furniture, &c., - - -	-	15 04	
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DISTRICT No. 5.

For cleaning house, - - -	-	2 75	
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DISTRICT No. 6.

For fixtures, cleaning house, &c., - -	-	8 61	
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DISTRICT No. 7.

For repairs on house and blackboards, cleaning fixtures,		48 46	
Total, - - -	-	<u> </u>	\$143 77

Expenditures from appropriation from Schools, State

Fund, &c., - - -	-	\$1,226 40
Expenditures from Contingent Fund, - -	-	143 77
Total expense of the schools, - -	-	<u> </u>
		\$1,370 17

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENSES.

Compensation to town officers,	-	-	-	\$560 46
Miscellaneous expenses,	-	-	-	674 15
Taxes abated and given up,	-	-	-	68 79
Removing snow,	-	-	-	947 18
Highway arrears,	-	-	-	269 69
Gravel,	-	-	-	37 68
Extra labor,	-	-	-	115 86
Roads and Bridges,	-	-	-	935 53
State aid furnished to soldiers' families,	-	-	-	1,119 00
Amount paid for schools,	-	-	-	1,370 17
Expenses of poor in Almshouse,	-	-	-	1,557 01
Expenses of poor out of Almshouse,	-	-	-	549 97
State Tax,	-	-	-	4,550 00
County tax,	-	-	-	1,000 30
Scituate tax,	-	-	-	13 67
Removing obstructions,	-	-	-	22 18
Total,	-	-	-	<u>\$13,791 64</u>

The following communication has been received from Messrs. Harris & Tucker, attorneys for the town in case of *Salmond vs. town of Hanover* :

"A petition for an abatement of the tax assessed by Hanover, in 1867, upon the real estate in question, was duly presented to the Assessors of that town by Messrs. Samuel Salmond & Son, the owners. The abatement prayed for was not granted, and within the time prescribed by law an appeal was filed with the County Commissioners. At a regular meeting of the Board in January last, we obtained an order requiring Hanover to appear at the next regular meeting of the Board, and show cause why that abatement should not be made. The points of law, taken by either side at the hearing, will be brought before the full bench of the Supreme Court, at its Fall term, at Plymouth, when we confidently expect the claims of South Scituate will be established."

Also the following from Perez Simmons, Esq., one of the town's attorneys, relative to the Hingham and Quincy Bridge controversy:

"In the suits against the towns of South Scituate, Marshfield, Scituate and Cohasset, for contribution towards the support of the Hingham and Quincy Bridges, the facts have been drawn up and agreed to by council of the respective parties, and are to be argued before the Supreme Court."

STATISTICS FURNISHED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES. 1867

Date.	Names.	Residence.	Age.	Occupation.	Birthplace.
1867.					
Jan. 1,	Seth Foster,	So. Scituate,	36	Expressman,	So. Scituate.
	Mary Eliza Lincoln,	Boston,	24		Boston.
27,	S. Osmer Leach,	N. Bridgewater,	20	Shoe finisher,	Stoughton.
	Lucy Frances Clapp,		20		Scituate.
May 31,	Jonathan J. Simmons,	Marshfield,	24	Shoemaker,	Marshfield.
	Polly Turner,	Pembroke,	20		Pembroke.
June 20,	Marshall H. Litchfield,	Scituate,	59	Farmer,	Scituate.
	Abby Turner,	So. Scituate,	47		So. Scituate.
20,	Thomas B. Waterman,	So. Scituate,	36	Ship builder,	So. Scituate.
	Clara Crooker,	So. Scituate,	17		So. Scituate.
July 9,	Marcellus Jones,	So. Scituate,	30	Shoemaker,	So. Scituate.
	Judith M. Sprague,	So. Scituate,	15		So. Scituate.
Aug. 10,	Joshua S. Bates,	So. Scituate,	22	Shoemaker,	Hanover.
	Abby S. Gardner,	So. Scituate,	18		So. Scituate.
Sept. 8,	John A. Pierce,	So. Scituate,	24	Farmer,	Swansey.
	Caroline L. Beach,	So. Scituate,	25		Hanover.
22,	Albert Joyce,	Marshfield,	21	Shoemaker,	Marshfield.
	Orvilla Hatch,	Marshfield,	21		Marshfield.
Oct. 7,	Ira Bryant,	Charlestown,	54	Gentleman,	Turner, Me.
	Susan Stoddard,	So. Scituate,	45		Quincy.
10,	Ezekiel E. Gunderway,	So. Scituate,	26	Shoemaker,	So. Scituate.
	Lucy Winslow,	So. Scituate,	18		So. Scituate.
Nov. 13,	Joseph T. Hartt,	So. Scituate,	35	Gentleman,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
	Nellie L. Brownell,	So. Scituate.	20		Vt.
26,	Francis Sheldon,	Hanover,	28	Shoemaker,	Abington.
	Mary C. Tolman,	So. Scituate,	24		So. Scituate.
27,	Albert Jacobs,	San Francisco,	35	Gentleman,	Hanover.
	Lydia A. Pocorney,	So. Scituate,	21		So. Scituate.
Dec. 5,	Charles C. Pratt,	So. Scituate,	26	Tacker,	So. Scituate.
	Hannah B. Hartt,	So. Scituate,	27		Charlestown.
17,	Seth S. Hersey, Jr.,	Hingham,	34	Carpenter,	Hingham.
	Mabel C. Burrell,	So. Scitua e,	28		So. Scituate.
29,	Dennis Tuffey,	So. Scituate,	28	Laborer,	Ireland.
	Bridget Tuffy,	So. Scituate,	22		Ireland.

DEATHS. 1867

Date.	Name.	Age, yrs.	Birth place.	Disease.
Jan. 10,	Henry T. Hatch,	33	So. Scituate,	Suicide.
Feb. 5,	Mary Stockbridge,	11	"	Diphtheria.
8,	Sarah H. Lee,	44	"	Consumption.
12,	Matilda Winslow,	19	"	"
17,	Evelina Gunderway,	9 mos.	"	Lung fever.
18,	Theodore Turner,	71	"	Consumption.
21,	Betsey Merritt,	71	"	Heart disease.
24,	Edwin P. Pincin,	2	"	Lung fever.
Mar. 7,	Henry C. Horton,	20	"	Consumption.
13,	Samuel Dyer,	55	Weymouth,	Congestion of lungs.
April 7,	Deborah Bailey,	58	Hanover,	Consumption.
7,	Sarah A. Winslow,	8	So. Scituate,	Dropsy.
29,	Hettie Lee,	20	"	Consumption.
May 13,	George E. Winslow,	3	"	Scrofula.
July 16,	Sarah Foster,	27	Pembroke,	Consumption.
Aug. 16,	Hannah C. Turner,	67	So. Scituate,	Consumption.
25,	Sarah A. Willis,	48	Calais, Me.,	Paralysis.
Sept. 11,	Frank Cazneau,	17	So. Scituate,	Consumption.
14,	Walter Foster,	78	"	Dropsy.
19,	Desire Cushing,	98	"	Old age.
30,	George H. Fogg,	3 days.	"	
Oct. 12,	Martin Stockbridge,	82	Hanover,	Old age.
13,	Sally Brown,	92	Scituate,	Old age.
23,	Mary T. Talbot,	15	So. Scituate,	Consumption and heart disease.
Nov. 9,	Nabby Farrar,	87	"	Old age.
13,	Louisa Winslow,	16	"	Consumption.
Dec. 22,	Louisa Hayden,	27	"	Consumption.
25,	Eliz. Lincoln,	80	"	Palsy.

BIRTHS. 1867

Date.	Names.	Names of Parents.
Jan. 4,	Elizabeth M. Fitz.	Seth O. and Mary A.
10,	Mary Lizzie Brown.	Ebenezer L. and Caroline.
24,	Sarah Matilda Freeman.	Richard and Alice.
31,	Susie O. Turner.	Henry A. and Mary F.
Feb. 4,	Mabel F. Torrey.	Henry A. and Abbie F.
March 3,	Lillian Prouty.	Orlando C. and Juliet E.
July 24,	Edgar C. Hatch.	Cushing and Abigail H. L.
Aug. 3,	Willie Samuel Nelson.	Oliver and Theresa.
Sept. 6,	Mary Edith Bates.	Lorenzo and Mary C.
26,	Samuel Walter Jacobs.	Benj. W. and Esther.
26,	George Hitchborn Fogg.	Ebenezer T. and Helen.
Oct. 1,	Alfred C. Winslow.	Alfred and Mary.
3,	Geo. Cushing Gunderway.	Thomas and Caroline.
4,	—— Turner.	John H. and Sarah E.
20,	Robert S. Talbot.	Robert S. and Harriet F.
Nov. 6,	Oscar Sears.	James I. and Lucinda.
13,	William Henry Merritt.	Charles H. and Fannie H.
14,	Willie Angier Pierce.	John A. and Harriet L.
15,	—— Manuel.	William S. and Christiana.
20,	—— Litchfield.	John R. and Lucy H.
Dec. 2,	Ella Adelaide Osborn.	Edwin F. and Nancy W.
6,	—— Stearns.	George and Maria L.
8,	Chas. Washington French.	Edwin and Emily.
24,	—— Simmons.	Walter and Ellen.
Jan. 3,	Adelia L. Young.	Benjamin M. and Delia.
April 5,	Carlton Q. Litchfield.	Liba and Elizabeth.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

Note in favor of	Joseph T. Litchfield,	-	-	\$725 00
"	" Daniel Otis, -	-	-	1,000 00
"	" South Scituate Savings Bank,	-	-	6,432 00
"	" Methodist Episcopal Church,	-	-	200 00
"	" Sally Wise, -	-	-	625 00
"	" Walter Foster, Executor,	-	-	700 00
"	" Charles W. Sylvester,	-	-	470 00
"	" Harvey T. Sylvester,	-	-	200 00
"	" Michael Ford, -	-	-	1,025 00
"	" Foster & Fogg, Trustees,	-	-	2,325 00
"	" Ebenezer Stetson, -	-	-	200 00
"	" Walter Foster, -	-	-	300 00
"	" Robert V. C. Turner,	-	-	575 00
"	" Israel Nash, -	-	-	3,500 00
"	" Charles H. Litchfield,	-	-	150 00
"	" Joseph C. Tolman, -	-	-	300 00
"	" George Beasley, -	-	-	100 00
Interest due on the above notes, Feb. 1, 1868,				400 00
Amount due Almshouse keeper,				150 00
" " the several schools,				659 10
" " Treasurer and Collector,				100 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$20,136 00

CR.

Cash in hand of Treasurer,	-	-	-	\$1,359 66
Outstanding taxes, -	-	-	-	2,137 70
Highway arrears due the town,	-	-	-	312 81
Due from the Commonwealth for State Aid,	-	-	-	1,119 00
" " Estate of Jane Burrell,	-	-	-	53 50
" " Aid to Hewitt Baker,	-	-	-	11 00
" " " " State paupers,	-	-	-	78 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$5,071 67
Balance against the town,	-	-	-	15,064 33
Total,	-	-	-	\$20,136 00

SAMUEL TOLMAN, Jr.,	} Selectmen of So. Scituate.
EDWARD STOWELL,	
LIBA LITCHFIELD,	

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Money Tax.

Total value of real estate,	-	-	-	\$577,832 00
“ “ personal estate,	-	-	-	227,205 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$805,037 00
Rate of taxation \$1.50 on \$100.				
Tax on \$805,037, at the above rate,	-	-	-	\$12,075 55
“ “ 430 polls at \$2.00 each,	-	-	-	860 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$12,935 55
State tax,	-	-	-	\$4,550 00
County tax,	-	-	-	1,000 30
Town tax for support of poor, &c.,	-	-	-	4,000 00
“ “ “ “ of schools,	-	-	-	1,700 00
Reimbursement to recruiting fund,	-	-	-	1,600 00
Overlayings,	-	-	-	86 66
Total,	-	-	-	\$12,936 96
Highway deficiency,	-	-	\$312 81	
School books,	-	-	32 79	345 60
Amount of taxes placed in the hands of the Treasurer,				
for collection,	-	-	-	\$13,282 56

Highway Tax.

Amount voted to be raised by the town,	-	-	\$2,000 00
Overlayings,	-	-	38 67
Total,	-	-	\$2,038 67
Rate of taxation, 21 cts. on \$100,	-	-	\$1,690 37
Tax on 430 polls, 81 cts. each,	-	-	348 30
Total,	-	-	\$2,038 67

SAMUEL TOLMAN, Jr.,	} Assessors of So. Scituate.
EDWARD STOWELL,	
LIBA LITCHFIELD,	

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FROM
FEB. 1, 1867, TO FEB. 1, 1868.

Almshouse Expenses.

J. E. Corthell, for meat,	-	-	-	-	\$213 37
Mrs. Eliza Studley, for 20 weeks' assistance in Almshouse,	10	00			
Abel Sylvester's bill for dry goods,	-	-	-	-	9 96
Joseph Merritt, for blacksmithing,	-	-	-	-	8 86
Cider,	-	-	-	-	3 00
Straw,	-	-	-	-	1 65
Onions,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Farming utensils,	-	-	-	-	3 60
50 lbs. tallow,	-	-	-	-	4 00
J. E. Corthell, dressing four hogs,	-	-	-	-	6 00
Chas W. Sparrell, coffin & shroud for Martin Stockbridge,	12	00			
Soap,	-	-	-	-	13 78
Cushing & Ames, 40 yards bed ticking,	-	-	-	-	23 20
Plowing and harrowing,	-	-	-	-	8 50
William Collamore, for difference in exchange of cows,	25	00			
Pork,	-	-	-	-	9 09
J. W. Peterson, for two stoves and pipe,	-	-	-	-	18 00
Salt and fresh fish, lobsters, clams, &c.,	-	-	-	-	42 17
1 Entry rug,	-	-	-	-	1 50
Tin, wooden, and stone ware,	-	-	-	-	12 15
Liquor for paupers,	-	-	-	-	13 13
Seraps,	-	-	-	-	3 40
Cement,	-	-	-	-	25
Repairs on wash bench,	-	-	-	-	50
Apple trees,	-	-	-	-	1 75
Coarse and fine salt,	-	-	-	-	6 28
Bread and crackers,	-	-	-	-	12 24
Irish and sweet potatoes,	-	-	-	-	2 35
Locks,	-	-	-	-	1 07
Use of sausage machine,	-	-	-	-	15
Milk,	-	-	-	-	4 42
Sawing lumber,	-	-	-	-	35

Sharpening saws,	-	-	-	-	-	\$2 00
Repairs on harness,	-	-	-	-	-	1 37
Flax seed,	-	-	-	-	-	40
Plank,	-	-	-	-	-	70
Cranberries,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Carbolic acid,	-	-	-	-	-	1 15
Dry goods at sundry times,	-	-	-	-	-	10 51
2 pairs rubber shoes,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Repairing shoes,	-	-	-	-	-	4 92
Mrs. Benson, for assistance in house,	-	-	-	-	-	5 25
84 gallons of molasses,	-	-	-	-	-	60 85
Grain and meal, 186 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushels,	-	-	-	-	-	238 57
Rye meal, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels,	-	-	-	-	-	10 83
Feed and middlings,	-	-	-	-	-	24 82
Salaratus, bread riser and cream tartar,	-	-	-	-	-	15 68
Butter, 97 lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	35 63
Garden seed,	-	-	-	-	-	67
Cheese, 43 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	8 95
Kerosene oil, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons,	-	-	-	-	-	6 11
Whale oil, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	-	-	-	-	-	4 67
Spices,	-	-	-	-	-	7 49
Rice, 24 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	2 88
Flour, 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ barrels,	-	-	-	-	-	184 36
Tea, 55 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	60 20
Raisins, 18 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	3 83
Yarn, -	-	-	-	-	-	94
Sugar, 443 lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	68 23
Cotton and woolen cloth, flannel, &c., 121 yards,	-	-	-	-	-	26 37
Snuff, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	6 26
Dried apples, 36 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	5 99
Apples, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels,	-	-	-	-	-	4 32
Grass seed,	-	-	-	-	-	68
Boots and shoes, 4 pairs,	-	-	-	-	-	7 63
Shells and coffee, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	6 33
Crockery,	-	-	-	-	-	3 25
Sausages, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	98

Mittens, - - - - -	\$0 60
Tobacco, 15 lbs., - - - - -	10 75
Tripe, 61 lbs., - - - - -	7 30
Corned beef, - - - - -	9 57
Eggs, 3 dozen, - - - - -	72
Butter firkin, - - - - -	15
Dr. Brownell, medical attendance, - - - - -	34 75
Dr. Howes, " " - - - - -	4 25
Dr. Brownell, pasturing cow, - - - - -	8 00
1 barrel of plaster and freight thereon, - - - - -	2 75
Sundries, - - - - -	14 90
Wood purchased of Walter Foster, - - - - -	40 00
Salary of Almshouse keeper, - - - - -	250 00
Articles on hand at Almshouse Feb., 1867, - - - - -	775 41
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1867, - - - - -	6 81
Interest on Almshouse establishment, - - - - -	130 00
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$2,594 50</u>

ARTICLES ON HAND AT ALMSHOUSE FEB. 1, 1868.

1 horse, - - - - -	\$125 00
17 fowls, - - - - -	13 00
1 cow, - - - - -	85 00
Hard wood, 14 cords, - - - - -	72 00
Trash wood, 2 cords, - - - - -	6 00
Pine wood, 2½ cords, - - - - -	12 00
3 pigs, - - - - -	35 00
English hay, 4 tons, - - - - -	84 00
Straw, - - - - -	1 00
Swale hay ½ ton, - - - - -	8 00
Fresh hay 1 ton, - - - - -	10 00
Hard soap, - - - - -	7 68
Tallow and candles, - - - - -	8 10
Molasses, - - - - -	20
Vinegar, 18 gallons, - - - - -	7 20

Tea, 7 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	\$7 70
Coffee and shells,	-	-	-	-	-	80
Lard, 80 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	13 60
Dried apples, 2 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	34
Spices,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Beans, 3 bushels,	-	-	-	-	-	14 50
Sugar, 9 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	1 44
Bread riser and salaratus,	-	-	-	-	-	60
$\frac{2}{3}$ bbl. of flour,	-	-	-	-	-	10 67
$\frac{1}{2}$ bottle carbolic acid,	-	-	-	-	-	57
Rice,	-	-	-	-	-	12
Oil,	-	-	-	-	-	75
Grain and feed,	-	-	-	-	-	3 30
Scraps,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Fish,	-	-	-	-	-	50
Pork, 550 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	88 00
Ham, 210 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	33 60
Beef, 400 lbs.,	-	-	-	-	-	60 00
Soft soap, 18 gallons,	-	-	-	-	-	2 28
Turnips, $1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels,	-	-	-	-	-	90
Beets, 3 bushels,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Cabbages,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
Parsnips,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Matches,	-	-	-	-	-	30
Eggs,	-	-	-	-	-	1 60
Tobacco,	-	-	-	-	-	2 25
Soap grease,	-	-	-	-	-	1 20
Potatoes, 100 bushels,	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Farming utensils,	-	-	-	-	-	2 50
Stoves,	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
Apple trees,	-	-	-	-	-	1 75
2 locks,	-	-	-	-	-	1 07
1 sled,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Excess of value of bedding over that of Feb. 1, 1867,	-	-	-	-	-	30 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$883 52

ARTICLES SOLD AT ALMSHOUSE.

Pigs,	.	.	.	.	.	\$69 02
Meals and lodgings,	.	.	.	.	.	18 64
Eggs,	.	.	.	.	.	5 93
Lard,	.	.	.	.	.	4 22
Milk,	.	.	.	.	.	1 14
Chickens,	.	.	.	.	.	3 40
Rags and stove,	.	.	.	.	.	1 15
Candles,	.	.	.	.	.	22
Cabbages,	.	.	.	.	.	1 75
Letting horse,	.	.	.	.	.	2 70
Potatoes,	.	.	.	.	.	7 32
Hay,	.	.	.	.	.	22 13
Barley,	.	.	.	.	.	35
1 calf,	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
1 HIDE,	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$153 97</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Articles sold from Almshouse,	.	.	.	\$153 97
Articles on hand Feb. 1, 1868,	.	.	.	883 52
Board of 12 paupers at \$2.49.6 per week,	.	.	.	<u>1,557 01</u>
Total,	.	.	.	\$2,594 50

Board of 12 paupers without the interest on Almshouse establishment, \$2.28.7 per week.

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

J. E. Corthell, burying Matilda and Geo. Winslow,	\$3 00
J. E. Corthell, supplies to Mrs. Damon and daughter, 1866, - - - -	7 20
Dr. Brownell, medical attendance on Miss Nancy Damon, 1864, - - - -	14 75

Supplies to Thomas Stoddard,	-	-	-	\$44 83
“ James Thompson,	-	-	-	8 00
“ Marcia Witherell,	-	-	-	39 00
“ Sarah Totman,	-	-	-	75 50
“ Jane Barrel,	-	-	-	31 50
“ Amasa Palmer and wife,	-	-	-	90 50
“ Robert Lincoln (1866, \$9.00),	-	-	-	44 39
“ Benjamin Ford,	-	-	-	38 00
“ Hewitt Baker (Pembroke),	-	-	-	11 00
“ Ebenezer B. Howland,	-	-	-	13 00
“ Sarah Curtis,	-	-	-	17 25
“ Harvey Winslow,	-	-	-	6 25
“ Alice Brooker,	-	-	-	5 00
“ Charles Mann, Jr.,	-	-	-	7 50
C. W. Sparrell, coffin and shroud for child of Harvey Winslow,	.	.	.	7 00
C. W. Sparrell, coffin & shroud for Matilda Winslow,				12 00
C. W. Sparrell, attending funeral of child of Harvey Winslow,	-	-	-	2 00
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for same,	-	-	-	7 00
Dr. Downes, medical attendance on Hettie Lee,	-	-	-	14 00
Dr. Downes, medical attendance on family of Harvey Winslow,	-	-	-	15 00
C. W. Sparrell, coffin and shroud for child of Thos. Gunderway,	-	-	-	5 00
Dr. Howes, medical attendance on family of Harvey Winslow,	-	-	-	5 50
Dr. Brownell, medical attendance on child of Thos. Gunderway,	-	-	-	3 75
Supplies to Richard Freeman,	-	-	-	6 00
“ Sally Ewell,	-	-	-	14 31
“ Polly Newcome,	-	-	-	1 74
				<hr/>
				\$549 97

SAMUEL TOLMAN, JR., } Overseers
EDWARD STOWELL, } of
LIBA LITCHFIELD, } the Poor.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Dr. E. T. FOGG, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE, Cr.

Balance due the Town, March 6, 1867,...	\$706 99	Paid on Selectmen's orders and allowances,....	\$8,716 00
Outstanding taxes, March 6, 1867,.....	1,543 91	Notes and interest,.....	8,101 06
Assessment of 1867,.....	13,282 56	County tax,.....	1,000 30
Cash on Notes given by Treasurer, ..	6,947 00	State tax,.....	4,550 00
Sale of Fish rights,.....	31 75	Scituate tax,.....	13 69
Use of Town Hall,.....	41 19	Discount on prompt payment of taxes,....	284 50
Sale of School House,.....	115 00	Taxes outstanding,.....	2,137 70
From State, dissecting cow,.....	5 00		
Peddlers' Licenses,.....	12 00		\$24,803 25
Sale of grass on Town flats,.....	125 50		
State aid refunded,.....	1,800 00		
Corporation tax refunded,.....	1,318 93		
State School Fund,.....	163 47		
Town of Abington, schooling,.....	17 50		
Sale of school books,.....	24 11		
Emma Bryant, schooling,....	5 00		
From County, for land,.....	23 00	Cash on hand,..	1,359 66
			\$26,162 91

EBENEZER T. FOGG, *Treasurer.*

ARTICLES TO BE INSERTED IN THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TO BE HOLDEN ON MONDAY, MARCH 16TH, AT 9 O'CLOCK, A.M.

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.
4. To hear and act on the report of the Treasurer.
5. To hear the Report of the Selectmen on Guide boards.
6. To choose Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and all other necessary Town Officers.
7. To see in what manner will the Town repair the Highways the ensuing year.
8. What sum of money will the Town raise for the repairs of Highways, and direct when and where and in what manner the same shall be expended.
9. To raise money for the support of the Poor, Schools, and to defray incidental expenses.
10. Will the Town appoint special agents to have charge of the school houses.
11. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year.
12. Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes.
13. Will the Town accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.
14. Will the Town cause the report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor to be published in February next.
15. To make allowance to Town creditors.
16. To hear and act on the report of any Committee heretofore chosen.
17. What compensation will the Town make for removing snow.
18. Will the Town divide its territory into School Districts.
19. Will the Town rebuild the bridge near the house of Elijah Clapp.

20. Will the Town build a bridge across the highway near the house of Timothy B. Chapman.

21. Will the Town allow Mr. Abel A. Vinal and wife the improvement of land which they have bought and paid for.

22. Will the Town allow Mr. Alfred Puicin to expend the amount of his State, Town and County taxes on Parker Lane, he agreeing to keep it in ordinary repair, and suitably clear of snow.

23. To elect a Committee to settle with the Treasurer in March, 1869.

Rights to take fish from North River will be sold at public auction immediately after the adjournment of the meeting.

SAMUEL TOLMAN, JR.,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
EDWARD STOWELL,	
LIBA LITCHFIELD,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>So. Scituate.</i>

BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE CONCERNING TRUANT CHILDREN.

1. Any minor convicted of being an habitual truant, or any child convicted of wandering about the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, between the ages of seven and sixteen years, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or, at the discretion of the trial justice having jurisdiction of the case, may be committed to a house of reformation or other suitable situation provided by the Selectmen for the purpose, for such a length of time not exceeding two years, as such justice may determine. *General Laws, 1862, ch. 207.*

2. Any scholar absenting himself from school without the knowledge and consent of the teacher, parent or guardian, and any scholar who shall, without sufficient excuse, absent himself from school three or more days, in either half-term of summer, or term in winter, or who shall, without valid excuse, absent himself from examination, and any child between the ages of eight and fourteen (see General Statutes, ch. 41), who shall not attend school at least twelve weeks in a year, six weeks of which time shall be consecutive, shall, unless there be sufficient excuse for non-attendance, be deemed a truant.

3. To prevent any child from being unjustly deemed a truant, the parent or guardian of each child, in all cases of necessary absence, shall previously, if possible, or at the earliest opportunity afterward, inform the teacher, orally or in writing, of such necessary absence.

4. It shall be the teacher's duty to require a written or oral excuse from the parent or guardian in every case of absence, and, on becoming cognizant of any case of truancy, to visit the truant child, or the parent or guardian of such truant, and, by inducement, cause the child, if possible, to become a regular attendant of school; but if such persuasion be unavailing, the teacher shall record the name of such truant on the lower margin of the School Register, and shall also inform the Town Committee. And if said Committee shall be unable to persuade such truant regularly to attend school, they shall at once report the case to the truant officers, who shall thereupon enter a complaint according to the statute.

5. It shall be the duty of the Assessors to return to the School Committee each year, as early as may be in the month of May, the number, names, and ages of all the children in the several school districts, between the ages of five and fifteen years, together with the names of the parents or guardians of such children. The Assessors also shall, upon ascertaining that the parents or guardians in any case are unable, through poverty, suitably to clothe their children to attend school, provide said children with suitable clothing at the expense of the town.

6. The almshouse of the town is hereby assigned and provided as a suitable situation for the commitment of truants.

7. Three truant officers shall be annually chosen in the town at its annual meeting in March or April, to serve one year, who shall be authorized, in case of violation of these by-laws, to make the complaint and carry into execution the judgments thereon, and for their services shall be paid from the treasury of the town. They shall also, upon the commitment of truant children to the almshouse, cause such children regularly to attend school during the time of their commitment. Said officers shall also keep a record of the complaints, convictions, and the punishments awarded therefor, which shall at all times

be open to the inspection of the School Committee, and a copy of which shall be furnished to the Chairman of said Committee, in such season that it may be embodied in the School Report.

8. This ordinance shall take effect when it shall have been approved by the Superior Court, sitting in any county of the Commonwealth, and been duly published.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SUFFOLK, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT, April Term, A. D., 1867.

And now, the By-Laws of the Town of South Scituate concerning truant children having been submitted to the Court, are hereby approved.

LINCOLN F. BRIGHAM,

Justice of Superior Court.

Copy. Attest :

EDWIN A. WADLEIGH,

Ass't Clerk of said Superior Court.

